



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0369

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Paolo MINZIONI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3663
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Application No. 10/540,491)	Examiner: Eric L. BOLDA
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Filed: March 21, 2006)	Confirmation No. 3561
)	
For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM)	
USING AN OPTICAL PHASE)	
CONJUGATION DEVICE)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an Election of Species Requirement mailed January 14, 2008, the Examiner required an election among four species, characterized as follows:

- Group I, claim(s) 14-23, drawn to an optical fiber system.
- Group II, claim(s) 24, drawn to a method for assembling an optical system.
- Group III, claim(s) 25, drawn to a method for assembling an optical system.
- Group IV, claim(s) 26, drawn to a method of upgrading an optical system.

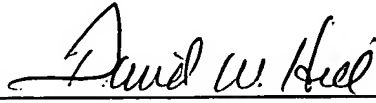
In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I and submit that claims 14-23 are readable thereon. Applicants make this election without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 14, 2008

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